



Bonnie B. Tidball

March 6, 1925 - June 22, 2017

Bonnie B. Tidball, age 92 of Greenville, passed away 11:40 a.m. Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Grace Retirement Community in Warsaw, Indiana.

Funeral 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Greenville Free Methodist with Rev. Deborah Somerville officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 6 - 8 p.m. at the Greenville Free Methodist Church. Memorials to the church or Greenville University.

Bonnie Belle Barber Tidball was born in Greenville, Illinois on March 6, 1925. She attended elementary school in LaPorte, Indiana and graduated from Warsaw (IN) high school in 1943. After graduation she attended Greenville College for one year, leaving school to earn money to continue her education. She was an executive secretary in Detroit, Michigan. After returning to Greenville College she married Watson Tidball on August 20, 1949 and they became a vital part of the Greenville College community. Bonnie was a homemaker until her youngest children were in elementary school, and then she served for many years as a secretary in the Athletic and Music departments of the college. !

Bonnie was an active member of the Greenville Free Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and on various committees until she moved to Winona Lake, Indiana in the spring of 2016.!

She is preceded in death by her father, mother, two sisters and a brother as well as her husband of 63 years. She is survived by her sister, Loverna McCormick of Leesburg, Virginia. She is also survived by children Curtis (Delores) of Pittsboro, Indiana, Jana (Dennis) Spencer of Vienna, VA, Craig (Susan) of Warsaw, Indiana; Scott (Cherie) of Denver,

Colorado; Leslie (Jim) Brissenden of Greenville and Todd
(Susan) of Poulsbo, WA, 13 grandchildren: Marcie Tidball
Jason (Valerie) Tidball; Audrey, Jase
Morgan Spencer
Reid (Esmie) Spencer; Leighton
Stuart (Jade) Spencer; Tatum, Trent
Sarah (Jason) Ellis; Norah, William, Luke, Ruthie
Alex Sprague
Alex (Carolyn) Tidball
Kim Jerrell; Riley, Karlie
Kris (Stephanie) Brissenden; Logan and Sophie
Brock (Amy) Tidball; Wyatt
Evan Tidball
Mallory Tidball and 9 great
grandchildren as well as 14 nieces and nephews and their
spouse, Sister in law and brother in law, Shay and Jay
Burgess of Fort Myers, FL.

Cemetery

Mt. Auburn Cemetery

1647 E. College Ave
Greenville, IL, 62246

Events

JUN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Greenville Free Methodist Church
1367 IL RT 140, Greenville, IL, US

JUN **Funeral** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Donnell - Wiegand Funeral Home - June 24 at 12:39 PM



“ We are honored and blessed to have known Bonnie!
She was a blessing to everyone she touched here at Grace Village.
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.
Bonnie will be deeply missed.

Beth Caudill, Director of Advancement
Grace Village Retirement Community
337 Grace Village Drive
Winona Lake, IN 46590



Beth Caudill - July 06 at 12:32 PM



“ Wonderful tribute with "Amazing Grace" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".
Wow!

I just checked my father's registry at his funeral in June, 1963 at the First Baptist Church. I see Watson Tidball's, Brock Brentlinger's, and John Strahl's signatures together 54 years ago.

God Bless the Tidball Family. Ron

Ron Bimes, New Orleans - June 25 at 11:53 AM



“ Randy & Mary S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bonnie B. Tidball.



Randy & Mary S. - June 24 at 08:34 PM



“ I remember moving to Oak St. a few houses down from the Tidball's in the mid 80's. A few days after moving in Bonnie came to welcome us to the neighborhood bringing a freshly baked apple pie! She was a beautiful, gracious and classy lady. So sorry for your loss. God bless.

Karen(Clements)Maples - June 24 at 02:40 PM



“ 80 files added to the album LifeTributes



Donnell - Wiegand Funeral Home - June 24 at 12:24 PM



“ We were privileged to have Bonnie and Wats as our first landlords, as we lived upstairs in their home on Spruce Street in 1952 thru 1954. What wonderful supportive people. Watson installed a bell to awaken me when I received a phone call at night to work at Donnell,s. He always had a dulcet charm in his voice as he woke me up. Curtis and Jana were born while we lived there and we learned good parenting as we watched the them nurture their children. On occasion Watson accompanied me as I went to work and ended up working for Donnell's also. As time move forward we continued to keep contact and stayed in touch with them

Watson taught me much about accounting and I claimed I learned all I knew from him.

Many precious memories!

We pray that God will continue to embrace their children, Grandchildren and Greats

as well.

We have indeed been blessed to have known Bonnie and Wats.

Betty and Jim Buick

Betty and Jim Buick - June 24 at 11:04 AM



“ The Tidball home was a welcoming place where laughter and hospitality were guaranteed. Bonnie was an energetic mom to her brood, and always a friend to her children's friends. As grade-schoolers and teens, my brother and I were frequent visitors in the Tidball home and Mrs. Tidball couldn't have been kinder nor more patient with the extra kids that loved to visit the Tidball home. I eventually new Bonnie and Watts in my adulthood, and I observed and admired their talents, their drive, and their love for family, church, college and community. Bonnie was a woman of poise and grace, personality and ability, character and generosity. Above all, Bonnie and Watts loved their Lord, which was plain for all to see, and from that Love flowed their friendship, generosity, and service. It is little wonder that their children have followed in their footsteps, and the loss that the family is now experiencing will be felt by the many persons whose lives the Tidball's influenced and impacted. I truly wish to honor the life and memory of Bonnie Barber Tidball.

Leslie Rice - June 24 at 01:01 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mrs. Tidball was a huge part of our Greenville family. She had such a loving, positive nature!

Jane Zappia - June 23 at 10:37 PM



“ I am so pleased that I was able to meet Bonnie, and Watson. Wonderful, inspirational people. It is very rare that anyone gets the chance to meet anyone who can light up one's life. I did, and they share the same surname as me, of which I am truly proud.
Peter Tidball.

peter tidball - June 23 at 05:38 PM



“ Craig Tidball is following this tribute.

Craig Tidball - June 23 at 04:39 PM



“ Bonnie and Wats were VERY special friends of the Ayers family. My memories are too numerous to begin to mention. In recent years Terry & I always enjoyed dropping by when we were in town to chat. The last couple of visits were w/Bonnie. I still remember being one of their first baby-sitters. Bonnie's gracious hospitality will always be remembered. I dearly loved her beautiful smile. Greenville was a better place for their presence.

Marilynn Ayers Taylor - June 23 at 11:44 AM



“ Alanna Coffelt lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Tidball



Alanna Coffelt - June 23 at 11:35 AM



“ Sending Warm Condolences to the entire Tidball Family. I remember back to the 1960s! Watson did my Mother's Income Taxes for years; and Bonnie's parents, the Barbers--really lovely people. Ron



Ron Bimes, New Orleans - June 23 at 06:17 AM



“ I didn't know Bonnie for a long long time like some did that made beautiful comments. But the little that I had the opportunity to meet and know her, it has been such a blessing. You could just tell that she loved the Lord. So that tells me that she kept the MAIN THING, the MAIN THING. I have had the privilege to meet two of her children, Todd and Leslie. I could just tell that they were people of honesty and integrity is woven into their character. I know traits such as these cannot be faked, nor do they grow on trees. A great man and woman sowed these seeds by living the life in front of their children and taking the time to impart Godliness and morals in the lives of their children. Those children have taken their rightful place in society, and our society is the better for it. If I could say one thing to Bonnie today it would be to "take a bow, well done thou good and faithful servant". Wish I could see the

look on Mr. Tidball's face when you were promoted from earth to GLORY.

Patrice White - June 24 at 09:23 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Bonnie. Watson and Bonnie were tour guides to Hawaii for me and many Greenville College students. We had a wonderful time with the Tidballs!! What a great lady!!!

Dorothy Jenner - June 25 at 05:33 PM